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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are not aware of such preference.
(*c*) & (*d*) Post-graduate training is already being given to two lady medical officers every year. The Government will be prepared to consider applications for such training.

Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—"With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), which states that the Government are not aware of any such preference, may I ask the hon. Minister whether when the answer was framed they were not in possession of a resolution passed by a big women's meeting in Triplicane held on the 27th July last to this effect, and may I know what action has been taken on that resolution or what action Government are going to take on it?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I am afraid the hon. Member will have to put a separate question on the subject."

Creation of a separate hospital for children in the City.

* 1546 *Q.*—Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any steps to give effect to the resolution passed by this Council at its meeting held on the 31st March 1927, for the creation of a separate hospital for children in the City of Madras?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the Statement of Resolutions passed by the Madras Legislative Council and of the action taken thereon by the Government which was laid on the table on the 27th August 1927. As a first step towards the establishment of children's departments in the Government Hospital for Women and Children and the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital, Madras, the Government propose to send two selected medical officers to England, of whom one will be a lady doctor, for a course of special training in Pediatrics.

Enforcement of the Midwives Act.

* 1547 *Q.*—Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government intend to enforce the Midwives Act in the near future?

A.—Yes.

Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—"May I know when the Act is likely to be enforced?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"The Act has been brought into force from the 14th of this month."

Public Health

Provision of a protected water-supply for Ahobilam.

* 1548 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to call for information and state—

(*a*) whether the question of the provision of a protected water-supply for Ahobilam referred to in G.O. No. 4246, L. & M., dated 3rd November 1927, has been finally disposed of ; and